

North Figueroa Association
Board Meeting Tue Jan. 19, 2016 – 10am @ Future Studio

In attendance: Sean Cohan (GSS), Rick Stoff(Chrysalis), Madhu Bansal, Jesse Rosas, Mark Allen, Manuel Ortiz, Alex Pinedo, Nina Zvaleko

Board members in attendance: Gina Alza, Alex Rudisky, Tom Majich, Tom Wilson, Joy Gibson, Stuart Rapeport, Amy Inouye, Titina Folliero, John Harb, Richard Calderon

Meeting called to order: 10:02 am

Public comments:

Jesse Rosas: representing community concerns about street cleaning, specifically Rent-a-Center and a business near the post office (Rick will look into this)

John Harb: Big Bellys not working, seems like there is more trash on the streets than before, Soofa not placed where we recommended. Chrysalis is cleaning the units and will monitor problem areas; a lot of the overflow trash is likely from businesses who have previously dumped in the trash cans

Madhu Bansal: presented a petition signed by many property owners to contest NFA board elections. Eugene Van Cise from the city clerk's office will be invited to the next meeting to address concerns.

Joy Gibson: according to bylaws, it does not matter how long people have served on the board; does Figueroa need both a property owner and a business owner group? This will be a discussion for bylaws revision cmte

Tom Wilson: changes to the bylaws have been previously discussed; a committee is formed w/ Joy as head, and Gustavo Alza, Tom Majich, Tom Wilson, and Gina Alza on the cmte; Tom Majich will get copies of other BID bylaws as he is a member of two others

Reports:

Mark Allen (LAPD): recent stabbing homicide at Fig & Ave 59 (someone in custody); homicide in Sycamore Grove Park (suspect identified); increase in gang violence, 9 guns have been taken off the street and related arrests made, there are more patrols on Figueroa, a vendor task force has removed illegal vendors on Fig & York and will work on a daytime sweep; homeless issues, vehicle break-ins continue to be issues. Suggests that businesses invest in video monitoring.

Sean Cohan (General Security): weekend patrols are 10am to 6pm and 6pm to 2am—when new bars and restaurants open, hours may be adjusted; new truck graphics make security more visible; any particular issues, call General Security 800 350-1944 first, or Sean directly

Rick Stoff (Chrysalis): is aware of Big Belly trash problems and graffiti on units. Any particular issues, call Rick directly 310 401-9382

Executive Session:

Nov 2015 minutes: motion to approve Alex, seconded Stuart; vote to approve unanimous. Oct 2015 minutes are being revised by Gustavo Alza, will vote to approve at Feb meeting

Insurance: Richard Calderon has been advising on insurance issues as our insurance recently renewed and Harford would not renew farmers market policy; policy was shopped to the Nonprofit Insurance Alliance of Calif, and it did go higher but it was bid out to 5 carriers and Richard believes we got the best price. He will help us requote the policy in Sept/Oct. NFA has two insurance policies—directors & officers and general liability. Joy inquires as to whether we can pass the insurance on to vendors w/ a surcharge; James calculates it comes out to approx. \$3 per month per vendor. Misty will discuss w/ farmers market manager. Vote to accept new insurance policies: motion by Richard Calderon, seconded by Joy, vote to approve unanimous, also vote to pay full payment (on Richard's recommendation) rather than installments.

Subcommittees formed, they are each to have a meeting before the next meeting

Bylaws: (see above)

Holiday Lighting: Alex Rudisky (head), Gina Alza, Stuart Rapeport

Security: Tom Majich (head), John Harb, James Bygrave, Gina Alza

Emergency Preparedness: Amy Inouye (head), Sean Cohan, Richard Calderon, Titina Folliero

Misty to send board roster to everyone; photos of board members taken in front of Fig Jam backdrop

NFA Financials for 2015 will be presented at Feb meeting

Fig Jam event rescheduled to March 19; please ask business owners to participate

Meeting adjourned 11:30 am

Next meeting: Tue Feb 16, 10am @ Future Studio